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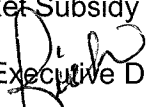
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Student Ticket Subsidy (STS) Artists and Arts Organizations

FROM: Rich Boyd, Executive Director 

RE: Changes in STS Program

At the recent quarterly meeting, the Tennessee Arts Commission made guideline revisions to the STS grant category to offset reductions in state appropriations. These revisions impact artists and arts organizations providing cultural enrichment experiences. Please read the information below carefully to ensure that you understand these changes and are prepared to comply with them. Funding for STS will continue to be allocated per capita per county. STS applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds are expended.

**STS Revisions for Artists and Arts Organizations**

- The STS grant program will be administered by Tennessee Arts Commission staff through the Arts Education and Community Arts Development programs and **not through Designated Agencies**. Schools must apply directly to the Commission for funding. For questions, contact Ann Brown, Arts Education Projects Coordinator at [ann.brown@tn.gov](mailto:ann.brown@tn.gov).
- Schools will now select STS artists and arts organizations from the Commission's Teaching Artist Roster and **not** through the Cultural Experience Directories provided by Designated Agencies. STS artists and arts organizations currently listed in Cultural Experience Directories are invited to complete a profile on the Teaching Artist Roster. The Roster is an online searchable database that allows artists and arts organizations to create profiles that feature videos, photos, study guides and other information about STS programming. Sample profiles can be viewed here: <http://tac.roster.ercsystems.com>.
- The **deadline** for artists and arts organizations to create STS profile listings on the Teaching Artist Roster is **August 15, 2011**. STS artists and arts organizations who do not complete their roster profiles by the August 15 deadline **will not be eligible** for STS funding in FY2012.
- **Instructions for applying to the Teaching Artist Roster are attached to this memo.**

- No new STS artists or arts organizations will be accepted this year so Commission staff can concentrate efforts on assisting current STS providers with building their Roster profiles.
- The **maximum amount of compensation** STS artists may receive in any fiscal year from all STS activities is \$16,000 for individual artists or \$30,000 for arts groups.
- If a school received STS funding to present an artist or arts group on site at their school last year, funds **MAY NOT** be requested to present the same artist(s) or arts group(s) in the current year. This restriction does not apply to field trips.
- Schools will apply directly to the Commission through the online eGRANT application, which will be available on September 12, 2011. Faxed, mailed or hand delivered applications will not be accepted.
- Revised STS Grant Guidelines are available now on the Commission's Web site at [www.tn.gov/arts](http://www.tn.gov/arts)
- Schools may apply for a maximum of \$3000 per fiscal year.
- The Tennessee Arts Commission will begin accepting STS applications at 7:00 am CST on September 12, 2011. While the application will not be available until September 12, a comprehensive list of information needed to complete the application is included in the guidelines. Schools may begin now compiling information to help make completing the application easier and faster.

The cultural enrichment experiences that artists and arts organizations provide to schools across Tennessee are a valued component of the Commission's work in arts education. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we implement necessary changes to the STS program in order to provide equitable, quality services statewide. Our staff stands ready to answer any questions and assist artists and organizations with this transition.

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